

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 09/883,467 Confirmation No.: 2685

Applicant(s): Tsutomu TAKAYAMA et al. Group Art Unit: 2624  
Examiner: Patrick L. EDWARDS

Filed: June 14, 2001 Customer No.: 27123

For: SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD, SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND  
IMAGE READING APPARATUS

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated July 6, 2006.
2. The communication in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested  
☒ is filed herewith.  
☐ has been filed on \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Applicant(s) is/are entitled to Small Entity Status.  
☐ Statement has already been filed
4.

	<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Other than Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
d. <input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
e. <input type="checkbox"/>	five months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

- f. ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured for filing the above-identified communication and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. The fee for this extension (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), minus the fee previously paid (\$\_\_\_\_\_) equals \$\_\_\_\_\_ (total fee due).
5. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the extension fee is attached.
6. ☒ Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4724. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Order No. 1232-4724. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: October 18, 2006

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